



## West Pittston Tomorrow Community Garden Rules and Responsibilities

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West Pittston Tomorrow is proud to announce the first community garden in the Garden Village! The garden, located at 225 Race Street, is managed by West Pittston Tomorrow and individual plots within the garden are made available to West Pittston Tomorrow members for the cultivation of flowers and vegetables. Anyone is welcome to join West Pittston Tomorrow and become part of the Community Garden.

### **Garden Location:**

225 Race Street, West Pittston, PA.

### **Contact Info:**

The garden is managed by West Pittston Tomorrow Garden Committee.

West Pittston Tomorrow's contact info is: 555 Exeter Ave - Suite 100, West Pittston, PA 18643

Any gardening questions should be directed to John Ochman at 570-574-8636 or email [WPTomorrowGarden@gmail.com](mailto:WPTomorrowGarden@gmail.com)

### **Garden Plots:**

The garden lot is divided into individual plots with 3 different plot sizes available.

Each plot size equates to the following West Pittston Tomorrow membership level:

Garden Plot Sizes and Membership Levels		
Bronze	Small (4' x 4') plot	\$10.
Silver	Medium (4' x 8') plot	\$20.
Gold	Large (6' x 12') plot	\$30.

Membership dues are assessed on a yearly basis and must be renewed in the spring of each year. Garden privileges at the level described above are granted, renewed, and expire in conjunction with your West Pittston Tomorrow membership. To participate in the Community Garden, please read the below Garden Rules and Responsibilities, complete the separate West Pittston Tomorrow Community Garden Participation Agreement, and send it along with a check made payable to:

West Pittston Tomorrow, 555 Exeter Ave - Suite 100, West Pittston PA, 18643.

You will be contacted with your plot assignment and given approval to begin gardening. No one shall begin gardening prior to submitting the Participation Agreement or prior to obtaining approval by West Pittston Tomorrow for each gardening season.

Once a plot is assigned, you may keep the same plot (your **primary plot**) each year as long as your West Pittston Tomorrow membership is renewed, your membership dues are paid for the current year, and your plot is maintained in accordance with the WPT Garden Rules and Responsibilities. Remember, if you want to keep your existing primary plot, you must complete and submit a new Participation Agreement each year prior to the application deadline. After the application deadline, any remaining plots that were not renewed will be re-assigned to new members or made available to those wishing to use additional plots.

Depending on demand, **additional plots** may become available each season. If you want an additional plot, please indicate this on the Participation Agreement. Additional plots are assigned after the application deadline and after all primary plot assignments are met. You may not be able to keep any of the additional plots the following year, so please keep this in mind when planning your planting for the season. Payment for additional plots (if desired) are due when /if additional plot(s) become available.

Requests for new plots will be assigned on a first come first served basis!



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### **Statement of Understanding / Waiver of Liability / Hold Harmless Clause:**

Each person wishing to garden in the West Pittston Tomorrow Community Garden must read the "West Pittston Tomorrow Community Garden Rules and Responsibilities" and complete / sign the Participation Agreement. Any unsigned agreements will be rejected. Absolutely no gardening shall occur without signing and submitting the Participation Agreement.

### **Plot Maintenance:**

Weeds must be controlled! Weeds not only look awful, but they multiply very quickly once they are large enough to produce seeds. All gardeners must control the weeds in their plots and in the pathways around their plots. It is especially important to maintain the plot edges so the weeds do not grow into the pathways. If the weeds in your plot become excessive, you will be notified and given one week to clear the weeds. If the weeds are still excessive, a second notice will be given and you will forfeit your plot if the weeds are not cleared one week after the second notification. No part of the membership dues will be refunded if your plot is forfeited. If you are away, please make arrangements with another gardener to care for your plot. You must notify West Pittston Tomorrow Garden Committee if you are unable to care for or need to abandon your plot for any reason.

It is the goal that each garden plot is properly maintained and planted in a timely manner. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to plant anything in your plot by June 15<sup>th</sup>, please notify West Pittston Tomorrow Garden Committee so that the plot can be reassigned. If there is a current waiting list for plots and your plot is successfully reassigned, then you may be eligible for a refund.

### **Water:**

Four water spigots are located in the main pathways and are available for watering your plot. **Please ensure the water spigot is completely shut off after you are done watering.**

### **Plot Restrictions:**

As set forth in the FEMA and PEMA regulations, no structures of any kind shall be erected on or around any garden plot. The only exception is the allowance of short "open pattern" fences that conform to these standards:

- The fence must have an open pattern (example: chicken wire)
- The fence cannot inhibit water flow in any way, thus the fence cannot contain solid panels of any kind.
- Maximum height of 36"

Any questions should be directed to the Garden Committee which has final approval to allow or deny the fence.



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**No Herbicides (weed killers) and No Chemical Pesticides:**

The application of herbicides (weed killers) and weed preventers to the garden plots is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: RoundUp (glyphosate), 2,4-D, and Preen. Only Organic pesticides are permitted. Synthetic chemical pesticides are prohibited. Any spray application must be done using a small hand held sprayer.

The table below gives examples of allowed and prohibited products, but there may be others:

Allowed		Prohibited
bacillus thuringiensis (Bt)	Micro-cop or equivalent - Pyrethrum*	chlorpyrifos
baking soda	netting	diazinon
beneficial nematodes	Sluggo	Dursban
borax, boric acid	Spinosad	Finale
diatomaceous earth (DE)	soap spray	malathion
dormant oils	sour milk solution	nicotine sulfate
Horticulture pepper/onion spray	sulfur	organ chlorides
lace wings	Tanglefoot	organophosphates
lady bugs	wood ashes	pyrethrate, pyrethroids
marigolds		rotenone
		RoundUp
		sevin

\* Pyrethrin is a naturally occurring insect-killing chemical taken from chrysanthemum flowers. In the flowers, these bug-killers exist as a mixture of six separate chemicals that together are called pyrethrum or pyrethrins. Pyrethrins (without piperonyl butoxide or other enhancers) are permitted for use on organically grown crops.

**Garden Waste / Composting:**

We will provide a limited number of Green West Pittston Borough recyclable containers for garden waste. The Borough will pick up garden waste weekly. If the containers are full, you must take the garden waste with you. Please do not put trash, plastic, metal, lumber, or anything that is not garden waste in the containers. We cannot provide a compost area for the current season - it is on the planning list as a future enhancement.

**Trash:**

Please take any trash and recyclables with you.

**End of Season Clean-Up:**

All primary plots must be cleaned up of any annual crops and weeds by Thanksgiving Day of each year. Obviously perennial, winter crops, or any "long-term" plants may remain, however they should be neat and tidy prior to Thanksgiving Day. All crops, weeds, or vegetation must be cleared from your additional plots by Thanksgiving Day each year. Since there is no guarantee you will receive the same additional plots each year, nothing should remain in the additional plots that were assigned to you.

**Behavior:**

Please be respectful of your fellow gardeners and their plots. This includes being careful with the hose, other tools, etc that may accidentally cause harm to other plots. Gardeners may only harvest vegetables and flowers from their assigned plot, unless otherwise given permission by the other plot user. Smoking and the use of alcohol or drugs is strictly prohibited.